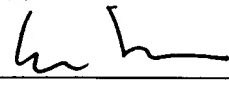




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Sir:

This amendment is made in response to the (Non-final) Office Action dated July 11, 2003, in the above-captioned U.S. patent application. Accompanying this submission is a petition and associated fee for a one-month extension in which to reply to the instant Action. No additional fees are believed necessary for submission and consideration of this amendment. In the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required for consideration of this amendment are authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 03-2410, Order No. 11460-103.

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Original claims 1-34 and new claims 35-38 are currently pending in the application. Through the amendments and the Remarks that follow, Applicant respectfully submits that all grounds for rejection are addressed and resolved.

Amendments to the Drawing begin on page 3.

Amendments to claims begin on page 4.

Remarks begin on page 9.